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1. (C) Summary: Romanians prepare to go to the polls June 1 to elect mayors, local and county councilors—and, for the first time—the heads of the Uninominal Experiment

(C) Many observers have noted that the introduction of new electoral rules was adopted hastily without a thorough assessment of the consequences. Triple-Hatted Local Barons

(C) Our interlocutors also worried that direct election of county council presidents would enhance their already considerable powers and would make Party Loyalties are Fungible

(C) The new electoral rules have also impacted on campaign strategies at the local level. Previous electoral campaigns prominently featured in that All Politics will be Local

(C) Leaders of the local party branches, including Sighetu Marmatiei Mayor Eugenia Godja told us that they expect a greater say in the selective Noncompetition Agreements and Other Sweet Deals

(C) Our interlocutors also noted that in contrast to the apparent no-holds-barred politics at the national level, local politics in Romania is characterized by Ethnic Politics

7. (C) Ethnic politics also remain very much alive as a factor in local politics. In Satu Mare, the PSD reportedly took the lead and convinced

8. (C) Comment: Our quick visit to the electoral hinterlands and our soundings of political contacts here in Bucharest have underscored that what TAUBMAN